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REPORT

TOPIC Jueterbog Airfield

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EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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1. Between 15 April and 6 May 1954, swept-back jet aircraft made individual and formation flights at Jueterbog airfield. Some times, the flights were made outside of the range of observation. Formation flying was practiced in elements of twos and groups of fours. On 24 April, about 3 p.m., a total of 36 MiG-15s were observed aloft flying in 3 formations of 12 aircraft each. Each of the 3 formations was subdivided into 3 formations of 4 aircraft each. On 23 and 27 April, 16 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were observed aloft, at the same time flying in independent formations of twos and fours. On some days, high-altitude flights were made. Firing at towed sleeve targets was repeatedly observed over Kummersdorf training grounds. The towing aircraft was followed by 2 to 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s.

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3. Seven and 5 railroad tank cars were shunted to the fuel dump at the field on 20 and 21 April respectively.

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4. Vehicular traffic observed at the field involved trucks

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5. On 15 April, 22 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s, 3 IL-10s, and 1 high-wing monoplane were parked at the field. Hangars Nos 4 and 5 were open and vacant. The interior of the other hangars could not be seen. About 9 a.m. on 23 April, source observed 36 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s, 3 single-engine aircraft, 1 biplane, and 1 high-wing monoplane at the field. About 10:30 a.m., 12 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s individually took off rapidly and subsequently assembled in formations of fours. After some local flights, the formation dispersed and the aircraft individually approached for landing. Air activity continued after the exchange of part of the pilots. About 5 p.m., 24 swept-back jet fighters took off at distances of about 500 meters and flew in 2 formations of 12 aircraft each. The aircraft landed again at distances of about 500 meters.

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6. Six 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement near the railroad line at the eastern edge of the field. Three other AA guns, estimated as 37 mm were seen near the gun emplacement.³

7. A radio truck with a mast about 4 meters high and braced two times was observed at the southern edge of the field near the fuel dump. About 600 meters east of this truck, another radio truck and an antenna mast with a rectangular frame were seen. Source was unable to determine whether the installation was a Fishnet-type radar set. Next to the take-off point a radio truck with an antenna mast, about 2 meters high, was observed.⁴

8. On 28 April, about 20 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field while others practiced flying. The aircraft took off individually at intervals of 5 minutes.

Near the swept-back jet fighters which were parked at the eastern edge of the field, a radio truck with several antennas was seen.¹

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1. Comment. Jueterbog airfield is believed to be occupied by two fighter regi-

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3. Comment. Source previously reported three AA guns about 20 mm in addition to 6 x 37-mm AA guns in the gun emplacement mentioned. Efforts have been initiated to clarify this point.

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4. Comment. It is believed that a Kniferest-type and a Fishnet-type radar set are available at Jueterbog airfield as at other airfields, although they were not definitely identified.

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